

Santa Rosa County
Emergency Medical System (EMS) Task Force Meeting
August 17, 2000 9:00 A.M.

Chief Reble, Chairman called meeting to order in the Santa Rosa County Media Center.

Members Present:

Chief Reble
Bobby Busby
Bill Markopoulous
Bob Minshull
Dominic Persichini

Members Absent:

Dr. Wes Matthews
Tony Simmons
David Burnette
Bob Murphy

Staff Present:

Dave Ling
Sheryl Bracewell
Peggy McDonald

Visitors Present:

Kay Martin
Ken Daughtery
Dr. Peter Manis

The agenda was approved as submitted (see attached).

The minutes of August 3, 2000 meeting were approved as submitted.

A review of monthly reports and statistics was accomplished.

Dominic Persichini introduced Dr. Manis EMS Medical Director.

Mrs. Martin presented the Task Force a letter from Captain David K. Karasek, District Commander, Florida Highway Patrol in response to her letter to Mr. Walker, June 14th 2000, concerning their daughter's accident. Also there was a follow up letter from the Martin's thanking Captain Karasek for responding to this letter.

The letters received from Mrs. Martin were discussed with the Task Force Committee and Chairman Reble assured Mrs. Martin that it was not the intent of any member of the committee or himself to blame the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Department for anything regarding the scope of the committee's work. He stressed that the committee had simply recognized that the Sheriff's office now had a policy of not normally responding to vehicle accidents.

Sheryl stated there was no e-mail since the last meeting. Sheryl presented information on Automated External Defibrillators and there was discussion on distributing them upon request.

Chief Reble passed out the survey that was developed to distribute to the First Responder Agencies. The committee reviewed and discussed several improvements and additions to be added to the survey before distributing to the various agencies.

Chief Reble said he would edit the survey and distribute them to the First Responder Agencies so they could receive them back as soon as possible.

Chief Reble turned the discussion of the second tier, Paramedic Transport, over to the Dominic Persichini, manager of Rural Metro EMS for explanation and discussion. Mr. Persichini, Dr. Manis and Ken Daughtery of EMS explained the various contracts and response times within the system to each district of the County. There was general discussion and questions of response times from the committee members.

Chief Reble asked if there were any public comments or questions?

Mrs. Martin said she feels that the EMS Task Force is making progress by the fact that they do realize there is a problem within the system. She also stated she has a concern about Jay not getting the same level of services as the rest of the areas in the County.

There was discussion on the level of medical service in different areas of the County due to funding.

The next meeting will be Sept. 7, 2000 at 9:00 A.M. at the EOC in the Media Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.